

Backgrounds of Candidates for City Posts Given

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He is a member of the North Torrance Lions Club, and American Legion, and the Zeta Epsilon fraternity.

"I would like to have an active part in shaping the future of our city," he said.

He has been active with youth programs of the city since 1954, and over the years has participated with the YMCA fund drive, and with Boy Scouts throughout the area. He regularly sponsors youth baseball teams.

He and Mrs. Mondati have one daughter, aged 4. He is a veteran of four years of Navy service during World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater.

He calls for holding the line on taxes, representing homeowners, improving zoning laws, holding industrial land, improving flood control, getting playground sites, and improving police and bus service.



STEWART ROSE

Stewart Rose

Stewart E. "Bud" Rose, advanced electronics technician, was born in Paris, Ky., and was raised in a Christian Church Orphanage Home in Louisville, Ky.

He attended Pennsylvania State College, Draughts Business College in Dallas, Tex., Harbor Junior College, IBM School, and attained a diploma in advanced electronics from Sylvania and Packard Bell. He has also studied under Greg Zeeman, an authority on ways to prevent infiltration and communism in America.

He joined the USAF in 1939, and served five and one-half years overseas. He was assigned to military intelligence and special service department. While overseas he organized a Masonic Square Club for the benefit of young Army personnel, cultivating interests for them. For the past 12 years he has resided at 3326 Newton St. with his wife, Gloria, and their three children, Stewart, Gloria Jean, and Raymond.

He is a member of the Methodist Church where he is past lay leader, member of the board of trustees, pastoral relations committee, four years building committee chairman, and member of the Fisherman's Club and Methodist Men's Club. He is a Mason, holding the 32nd degree, and a member of the Business Men's Club.

For several years he has co-sponsored a Little League team, has been an active youth counselor of the Methodist Church, and has also worked with the YMCA.



ROSS SCIARROTTA

Ross Sciarrotta

Ross A. Sciarrotta, 21017 Madrona Ave., an instructor of political science and world affairs at Long Beach State College, is one of 19 active candidates seeking election to the City Council.

The 54-year-old candidate is a graduate of Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree and was graduated with a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He holds majors in chemistry and political science, and during World War II was chief chemist of the Trojan Powder Co. in Sandusky, Ohio. He is still on the U.S. Ordnance roster for technicians in the field of explosives.

He has been active in civic affairs in Torrance for more than a dozen years, and has served on the Civil Service Board for eight years.

He is treasurer of the Long Beach School Employees Federal Credit Union, a \$7.75 million institution, and is past president of the same organization.

Sciarrotta said he would work for a balanced city, work for greater cooperation between city and schools for recreation, and would be vigilant in spending tax dollars.

William Steele

William R. (Bob) Steele, 826 Cranbrook Ave., an electroplater and Torrance resident for 13 years, is asking for increased cooperation between the city, Chamber of Commerce, and labor unions in his bid for election to the City Council.

A native of Montana, Steele attended high school in Omaha, served in the Navy as a radar operator, and studied electronics in Hawaii before making Torrance his home.

He and his wife have six children. He is a past president of the Catholic Men's Club and is active in other clubs and fraternal organizations.



FRED STEINBRONER

Fred Steinbroner

Fred Steinbroner Jr., 2409 Grand Summit Road, said he is seeking election to the City Council to help keep Torrance a well run, clean, and safe city in which to live.

A veteran of Army service in World War II, Steinbroner was a member of the U. S. Army Training Group in the Philippines where he was attached to a North Luzon Philippine force and as a result received that island Republic's second highest award, the Military Merit Medal.

He was employed in the service shop by a major truck manufacturer following World War II, and in 1947 opened his own business. Since 1953 he has been operator of the Fred Steinbroner Automatic Transmission Service in Inglewood.

He is a charter member of the United States Auto Club (USAC), and a member of the Automatic Transmission Rebuilders Assn.

He holds a private pilot's license, is active in St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church in Lomita, and is the father of two sons, 8 and 10.

Steinbroner is a native of Los Angeles and was graduated from Manual Arts High School.

William Taylor

William S. Taylor, 36, a native of Inglewood and a graduate of Redondo Union High School, came to Torrance four years ago from Inglewood and now seeks election to the City Council at the April 10 election.

He is a veteran of the Coast Guard, and a member of the Elks Club and the North Torrance Lions Club. A general contractor, he resides at 4760 Towers St.

Taylor has stated during his campaign that he would work for an independent library system for Torrance if elected to the council.

CLERK

Following are sketches on the candidates who seek to succeed A. H. Bartlett as city clerk on his retirement from office after 40 years.



CHARLES DECK

Charles Deck

Charles Deck, 20513 Toluca, president of the Torrance Property Owners Assn., Inc., has campaigned for the office of city clerk on a platform calling for an end to what he calls "quickie actions" on the part of the City Council. Deck has maintained that such matters as the recent Marble Estate rezoning vote was an instance of "quickie action" and that if elected, he would work to keep the public informed in advance of votes.

In a release issued this week, Deck pledged to "restore the information in advance of votes to the public, if elected, even if he has to call up leaders of both sides of these key questions on the phone."

He also has charged that city employees are being muzzled, and that information pertaining to employee rights has been "conveniently lost" until a vote has been taken by the council.

Deck's vigorous campaign received a setback this week when two opponents charged before the City Council that he offered to refund certain costs they had incurred if they decided to drop out of the race.

Tom Faren

Tom Faren, 23301 Arlington Ave., who was a candidate for City Council six years ago while a student in college, has entered the race for city clerk at the municipal elections a week from Tuesday. Now an educator, Faren is seeking the post being vacated by the retirement of A. H. Bartlett.

A resident of Torrance for 20 years, Faren was born in Matins Ferry, Ohio, in 1928. He attended Torrance High School, El Camino College, and completed his college training at Long Beach State.

From 1949 to 1953, Faren served with the Third Bomb Wing in Korea.



ROSE CRAIG

Rose Craig

Mrs. Rose Craig, self-employed realtor with offices at 2075 Torrance Blvd., is among nine candidates seeking election as city clerk.

As Mrs. Andrew Kean Craig, she resides with her husband at 4110 Carmen Ave.

She has been a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for five years, is past secretary of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors and a past president of the Women's Division of that organization, a state director of the California Real Estate Assn., chairman of staff aides for the Torrance Democratic Club, American National Red Cross here, member of the civic center planning committee, member of the Chamber of Commerce committee on community planning, representative on the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, past secretary of the Business and Professional Women's Club, and active in the Torrance YWCA.

Mrs. Craig said she was well aware of the duties of the city clerk and is prepared to devote full time to the post.



THIRVIN FLEETWOOD

Thirvin Fleetwood

Thirvin D. Fleetwood, resident of Torrance for nine years, is seeking election as city clerk. He is employed by the Southern California Gas Co. and lives at 3637 W. 182nd St.

Fleetwood was graduated from high school in 1941 and attended St. Louis University and Long Beach State College. He is treasurer of the North Torrance Democratic Club, treasurer of the 17th Congressional District Democratic Council, past president of the Torrance Democratic Club, past president of the 68th Assembly District Democratic Council, and a member of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn.

He served for four years as financial secretary of Local 132, Utility Workers, and as vice president and now chairman of the Southwest Division. He has served seven years

on the Planning Commission and is a member of the Inter-City Highway Committee. He is a veteran of World War II.

Bernard Miller

Making his second bid for election as city clerk is Bernard (Barney) Miller, 1414 Hickory Ave., 39-year-old office manager. Miller filed to oppose the re-election of A. H. Bartlett in 1958, but was disqualified.

Miller was graduated from Portland State College and attended Northwestern College of Law and Oregon State College School of Business and the School of Business Education.

He served under General Patton during World War II, and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Miller has worked as a tax clerk, accountant executive, and was city supervisor and district manager for MacFadden and Colliers publications. He is business manager for an answering service at the present time.

Miller said he would devote full time to improve the office of city clerk, if elected.



GEORGE MOREHART

George Morehart

George G. Morehart, 58, resident of Torrance for 19 years, lives at 18520 Kingsdale Ave. where he is self-employed as a masonry contractor.

He is president of the Belvidere Water Co. which serves the El Nido area, and for two years has been chairman of the Torrance Civil Service Commission.

"Having spent more than five years on the Civil Service Commission of the city in direct contact with the various operating departments of the city has allowed me to become well acquainted with the problems of many departments, including those of the city clerk's office," Morehart stated recently.

"In addition, I am aware of the administrative needs of the city clerk's office to re-establish it as an integrated and functioning department of city government."

Morehart said he plans to devote full time to the post if elected.

He is a charter member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Redondo, a member of the Elks Lodge, and of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.



JAMES SHIDLER

James Shidler

"The vast growth of the city of Torrance demands that the office of city clerk become an aggressive, efficient instrument of public service," according to James G. Shidler, 23053 Doris Way, who is seeking election as city clerk.

"As your city clerk, I will maintain a laven for the harassed citizens of Torrance," he said.

Shidler, a wholesale drug salesman, has lived in Torrance for 38 years. He is the son of a pioneer Torrance family and a brother of Superior Judge John A. Shidler.

Shidler says he is not a member of the city hall group, not on any ticket, and not obligated to anyone except the voters.

The candidate attended Torrance elementary and high school, served with the Marine Corps during World War II, and was graduated from USC with a bachelor of science in biochemistry after the war.

He is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is currently teaching Sunday School at St. Francis Episcopal Church where he also serves on the church grounds committee.



EARLE SUMPTER

Earle Sumpter

Earle Sumpter, postman and commander of the Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post, is campaigning for election as city clerk.

A resident of Torrance for 16 years, he has been a mailman for 12. He studied at the Stinson School of Aviation for three years where he took courses leading to an aeronautical engineering degree before coming to California.

He is a member of Cincinnati Lodge 133, F&AM, DAV Chapter 92, Harbor Area Veterans Employment Council, and has been active with the Community Chest and the March of Dimes.

He was president of the letters carriers here for four years, chairman of the blood-bank program for the carriers, and chairman of the postmen's "Walk for Cerebral Palsy."

Sumpter was charter vice commander of the Jewish War Veterans Post here and is now second vice president of Temple Menorah. He was building fund treasurer of the temple for three years, and his wife, Sylvia, is second vice president of the temple's Sisterhood.

Sumpter said he believes the clerk's office should be made available to the public — that there should be a closer relationship between the office and the public.



HERMA TILLIM

Herma Tillim

Herma Tillim is a candidate for City Clerk in the coming municipal election, April 10.

Her educational background includes business administration at Oregon State, courses in business, economics, and psychology at University of Washington, College of San Francisco, and Los Angeles City College.

Before coming to Torrance in 1951 and establishing the Torrance Personnel Agency, she held such positions as accountant and office manager for private business organiza-

tions as well as auditor for the Maritime Commission and supervisor in classified material department of the U.S. Army Air Force.

Mrs. Tillim became interested in civic and community projects shortly after moving to Torrance and in the past 10 years has served the community in many ways, perhaps the most prominent being in the youth and adult recreation activities. She is a former member of the Park and Recreation Commission, having served as chairman in 1956-1957.

In 1961 she received an award from the National Recreation Assn. for outstanding contribution to the recreation movement in America. She was instrumental in acquiring a donation of land for a 7½-acre park site for the city of Torrance.

She is a charter member and first vice president of Pilot International of Torrance, has been a member for 10 years of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., holding various offices and positions on the board, and has been a member of the Business and Professional Woman's Club since 1952.

TREASURER

Following are sketches on the candidates who seek election as city treasurer at the polls April 10.



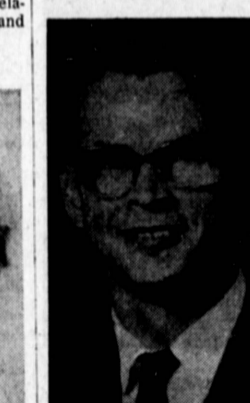
HARRIETT LEECH

Harriett Leech

Seeking re-election to the office of city treasurer, a post she has filled for a total of 17 years, is Mrs. Harriett V. Leech, 1681 Gramercy Ave.

Mrs. Leech, a resident of Torrance for 35 years, has entered the campaign for re-election with the statement that she desires to continue service to the city. She says a record of devoted and satisfactory service in the position she is seeking is her platform.

Mrs. Leech attended the University of Arizona and is a member of the Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club.



THOMAS C. RUPERT

Thomas Rupert

Seeking election as city treasurer is Thomas C. Rupert, 29, co-owner of a travel agency here, who lives at 21902 Grant Ave. A resident of Torrance for six years, he has been active in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Southwood Little League, PTA, is president of the Lutheran Layman's League, and is a member of the transportation and communications division of the civil Defense Disaster Corp.

Rupert refers to his experience in the financial responsibility for a multi-million dollar corporation as qualifying him for the post.

"It has long been my belief

that young adults should take a more active interest in politics, both on a local and national level," he said.

He refers to the young average age in the city's population and calls for representation by someone who will respect the needs of the average citizen.

"I feel, however, that no person should seek any political position at this or any level of government for which they weren't fully qualified," he said. His years of business experience have provided him with a background for the post, he reports.



FRED SPANGLER

Fred Spangler

"I have become a contender for election as city treasurer for one reason only. It is a demanding position that requires an excellent background in economics and efficient business administration," said Fred Spangler.

"I feel that the efficient administration of the business of this office will provide a savings for the taxpayers of Torrance and a healthy change in what, over the years, has become a stereotyped position." He established and owned a successful manufacturing business in Germany until 1939 when he escaped to come to the United States.

Studying commercial art and advertising in Nashville, Tenn., he later founded a sign business in Chicago which he operated until he moved his family to Torrance in 1956.

Spangler, 50, his wife, Henry daughter, Jane, 18, a student at UCLA, and son, Lee, 16, who attends South High School, make their home at 5210 Carmen St. in the Southwood area of Torrance.

He served as a director of the Konya-Torrance program. A delegate who toured Turkey for the city of Torrance, he also headed the committee when Konya city officials visited this community. Spangler also conducted the city schools' poster contest during the program.

Gaylord Stenberg

Candidate for city treasurer is Gaylord D. Stenberg, 4726 W. 191st St. In filing his nomination papers, Mr. Stenberg indicated he was an estimator-planner. The HERALD has no other information about the candidate.

Guidance in High School TEAC Topic

"How One High School Organizes Its Guidance Activities" will be the topic of a Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting Monday, April 9, at the Torrance Masonic Hall, Cabrillo Avenue and Plaza Del Amo.

Participants will be Dr. W. Bruce Magner, curriculum consultant, who will serve as chairman; Carl Benson, assistant principal, pupil personnel at South High; Miss Carmelita Rous, 10th grade counselor at South High, and Joseph Meier, 12th grade counselor at the same school.

In addition, the Lincoln Elementary School chorus, accompanied by Mrs. Fran Dalgale on the piano, will entertain. Selections will include "Heigh-Ho to the Greenwood," "Falling in Love With Love," "Speak Low," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."